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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
JUNE 3, 2004 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to the June 3, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 3, 2004 Office Action is due July 3, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted claims 1-48 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 11-12, drawn to a polypeptide comprising a sequence corresponding to a portion of a chemokine receptor;
- II. Claims 6-8 and 11-12, drawn to a polypeptide and a composition comprising the polypeptide having a sequence corresponding to that of a portion of HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein;
- III. Claims 9-10, drawn to an antibody and a composition comprising the antibody binding to chemokine receptor;